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For:	SCANNING MICROSCOPE COMPRISING A CONFOCAL SLIT SCANNER FOR REPRODUCING AN OBJECT
Customer No:	23280

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

Some of the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form were cited in the International Search Report in the above-referenced International Application. A copy of that International Search Report is submitted herewith.

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A01	5,192,980	Mar. 9, 1993	Dixon et al.	356	326	
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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	A06	WO 95/07447	Mar. 16, 1995	WO-WIPO			See Abstract	
	A07	EP 1 178 345	Feb. 6, 2002	EP-Europe			Corresponds to US 6,809,815	
	A08	DE 43 30 347	Mar. 16, 1995	DE-Germany			Discussed in specification; see Abstract of corresponding WO 95/07447	
	A09	DE 199 02 625	Sep. 30, 1999	DE-Germany			Discussed in specification; see Abstract	
	A10	DE 199 06 757	Dec. 2, 1999	DE-Germany			Discussed in specification; see Abstract	
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	A14	International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/DE2003/003163 (3 pages)
	A15	Andrew R. ROUSE et al.: "Multispectral imaging with a confocal microendoscope", XP-000981049, Optics Letters, Vol. 25, No. 23, Dec. 1, 2000, pp. 1708-1710
	A16	D.H. BURNS et al.: "Scanning Slit Aperture Confocal Microscopy for Three-Dimensional Imaging", XP000255795, Center for Bioengineering, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, SCANNING Vol. 12, 1990, pp. 156-160

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